The Country Liberals Government is investing $1.5 million to rejuvenate public housing complexes in Larapinta, Karama and Moulden.

A total of 22 complexes - with a combined 163 units - will be targeted in this works package announced in Budget 2016-17.

The works will include landscaping, painting, lighting, fencing and general beautification of frontages and common areas.

Tired and run-down public housing complexes have been shown to attract anti-social behaviour, vandalism and crime.

Housing Minister Bess Price said previous Labor Governments had allowed public housing complexes to be neglected creating a range of problems for tenants and the community.

The Country Liberal Government was committed to improving public housing to deliver value for money for taxpayers and quality products for tenants that do the right thing.

The works program would be delivered using the Government’s Buy Local Program which supported local jobs and Territory business.

“My Government is taking a proactive approach to rejuvenating public housing complexes,” Minister Price said.

“We want to support the community to build pride in our public housing complexes which we know from experience will have the additional impact of reducing antisocial behaviour.”

Minister Price said sensible and environmental design principles would be instrumental in preventing crime in public housing complexes.

“If it is easier for police and public housing safety officers to patrol the complexes then it will reduce antisocial behaviour,” she said.

Member for Blain Nathan Barrett MLA said the Country Liberals Government announcement would be hugely beneficial to his ongoing campaign to reduce crime across his electorate.

“I have worked hard to reduce crime and the after-affects crime has on this community since I came to office and this announcement is sensational news for the people of Blain,” Mr Barrett said.
“This is a great place to live and it’s great to see the Country Liberals Government is continually making safety a priority.”

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